

WHAT IS CLAIMED is:

1. A semiconductor device comprising:
 - a semiconductor substrate;
 - at least one electrode pad formed above the semiconductor substrate;
 - 5 a multilevel interconnection configuration disposed between the electrode pad and the semiconductor substrate, the multilevel interconnection configuration including a number of interconnection layers;
 - 10 a first insulating film of low dielectric constant which is formed above the semiconductor substrate to insulate the interconnection layers from one another; and
 - 15 a dummy interconnection configuration formed at least within the first insulating film around the periphery of the electrode pad.
2. The semiconductor device according to claim 1, wherein the dummy interconnection configuration is formed in a position corresponding to a displacement of a wire to be bonded to the electrode pad from the periphery of the electrode pad.
3. The semiconductor device according to claim 1, wherein the distance between the dummy interconnection configuration and the multilevel interconnection configuration is set substantially equal to the minimum distance in design rules.

4. The semiconductor device according to claim 1,
wherein the dummy interconnection configuration
comprises interconnection layers corresponding in
number to the interconnection layers of the multilevel
5 interconnection configuration and vias which
interconnect the interconnection layers.

5. The semiconductor device according to claim 1,
wherein the dummy interconnection configuration is
formed in the shape of a ring around the periphery of
10 the electrode pad.

6. The semiconductor device according to claim 5,
wherein the dummy interconnection configuration formed
in the shape of a ring has its portion made open.

7. The semiconductor device according to claim 4,
15 wherein the dummy interconnection configuration is
composed of a plurality of interconnection patterns
which are square or rectangular in plane shape and the
interconnection patterns are arranged at regular
intervals around the periphery of the electrode pad.

20 8. The semiconductor device according to claim 1,
wherein the insulating film of low dielectric film is
20 GPa or less in Young's modulus.

9. The semiconductor device according to claim 7,
wherein the dummy interconnection configuration is also
25 present in a layer in which the electrode pad is
formed.

10. The semiconductor device according to claim 1,

wherein the dummy interconnection configuration is formed at least within the range of thickness of the insulating film of low dielectric constant.

11. The semiconductor device according to claim 1,
5 further comprising:

a second insulating film formed to cover the first insulating layer with the electrode pad exposed; and

10 a third insulating film formed on the second insulating film and having a Young's modulus of 20 GPa or less.

12. The semiconductor device according to
claim 11, wherein the third insulating film has its top
made water repellent.

13. A semiconductor device comprising:

15 a semiconductor substrate;
at least one electrode pad formed above the semiconductor substrate;
a multilevel interconnection configuration disposed between the electrode pad and the
20 semiconductor substrate, the multilevel interconnection configuration including a number of interconnection layers;

25 a first insulating film of low dielectric constant which is formed above the semiconductor substrate to insulate the interconnection layers from one another;

a first dummy interconnection configuration formed at least within the first insulating film around the

periphery of the electrode pad; and
a second dummy interconnection configuration
formed on the opposite side of the first dummy
interconnection configuration from the electrode pad.

5 14. The semiconductor device according to
claim 13, wherein the first dummy interconnection
configuration is formed in a position corresponding to
a displacement of a wire to be bonded to the electrode
pad from the periphery of the electrode pad.

10 15. The semiconductor device according to
claim 13, wherein the first dummy interconnection
configuration is composed of a plurality of
interconnection patterns which are square or
rectangular in plane shape and the interconnection
patterns are arranged at regular intervals around the
15 periphery of the electrode pad.

20 16. The semiconductor device according to
claim 13, wherein the second dummy interconnection
configuration is formed in the shape of a ring around
the periphery of the electrode pad.

25 17. A semiconductor device comprising:
 a semiconductor substrate;
 a plurality of electrode pads formed above the
 semiconductor substrate;
 a multilevel interconnection configuration
 disposed between the electrode pads and the
 semiconductor substrate, the multilevel interconnection

configuration including a number of interconnection layers;

a first insulating film of low dielectric constant which is formed above the semiconductor substrate to insulate the interconnection layers from one another; and

a dummy interconnection configuration formed at least within the first insulating film around the periphery of the electrode pads.

10 18. The semiconductor device according to claim 17, wherein the dummy interconnection configuration is formed in a position corresponding to a displacement of wires to be bonded to the electrode pads from the periphery of the electrode pad.

15 19. The semiconductor device according to claim 17, wherein the dummy interconnection configuration is composed of a plurality of interconnection patterns which are square or rectangular in plane shape and the interconnection patterns are arranged at regular intervals around the periphery of the electrode pads.

20 20. The semiconductor device according to claim 17, wherein the dummy interconnection configuration is formed in the shape of a ring around the periphery of the electrode pads.

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